

AMERICAN HORSES ABROAD.

M. R. GEORGE B. HULME, the well-known clubman, will sail to England on April 14 by the St. Paul for the purpose of showing his excellent stable of horses in foreign competitions.

He has been one of the most prominent exhibitors at the American Horse Show and has satisfied his ambition to own the largest number of champion horses owned by any one man in America.

Now he is eager to prove that his horses can win prizes not only in America but at the shows abroad. This interest is bound to arouse the greatest interest in America alone, but in the countries where the shows take place, should the American horses be successful, it is quite unnecessary to state that the price of American horseflesh will be increased correspondingly.

Six golden chestnuts, Golden Rod and Blazeway, Great Scott and Ganymede, all champions, and Crackman and Markman, were shipped on the steamer Massachusetts last November, for sending them abroad this early it was hoped they would become acclimated and be in the best of condition for exhibition purposes in the Spring.

Golden Rod and Blazeway are 15½ hands high each. Golden Rod was sired by Oceanic, dam Belle F. Blazeway's sire is

GOSSIP OF RACING CYCLISTS.

FLORIDA is destined to be a section of country particularly favored in winter both by those who cycle for pleasure and also for those who make a business of the pastime in competition. In no State of the Union is the good roads movement more apparent and active than at present in the "Land of Flowers," and the value of excellent highways is appreciated by all classes, the farmers being especially interested in the subject. In and about the resorts most patronized by the Northern visitors the improvement of the roads has been very marked, and the cyclists have also been put down at many points. Jacksonville has invested extensively in better streets and roads, and the city and surrounding country have been beautified exceedingly. St. Augustine can boast of an admirable system of asphalt streets and shell roads, and there are several towns in the interior of the State, notably Orlando and Ocala, that have shown wisdom in this regard. But probably the most enjoyable portion of Florida is contained in the Orlando-Daytona district. These places are only six miles apart, and are connected by one of the best stretches of beach on the Atlantic coast, supplemented by a picture-

RIVALRY BETWEEN COLLEGES.

COMPETITION among the colleges this year promises to be keener than ever before. The great universities are busy getting their track athletic teams into shape for the various games soon to be held. On the 28th and 29th of May the annual American Intercollegiate games will settle for another twelve months the question of the national collegiate championships.

There is already a rumor that one of the big four, Yale, Pennsylvania, Harvard and Princeton, may be forced to give place to a new and dangerous rival.

It is exceedingly unlikely that Georgetown would have the temerity to challenge such an athletic power as Pennsylvania without a formidable team to back the dual meet proposition. The great and invincible B. J. Wefers can surely be counted upon to win his events, the 100 yards and the 220 yards, and very likely the quarter mile, but even three events do not win a field day, and Pennsylvania's strength is too well known to allow a calculation based upon point winning by inferior men.

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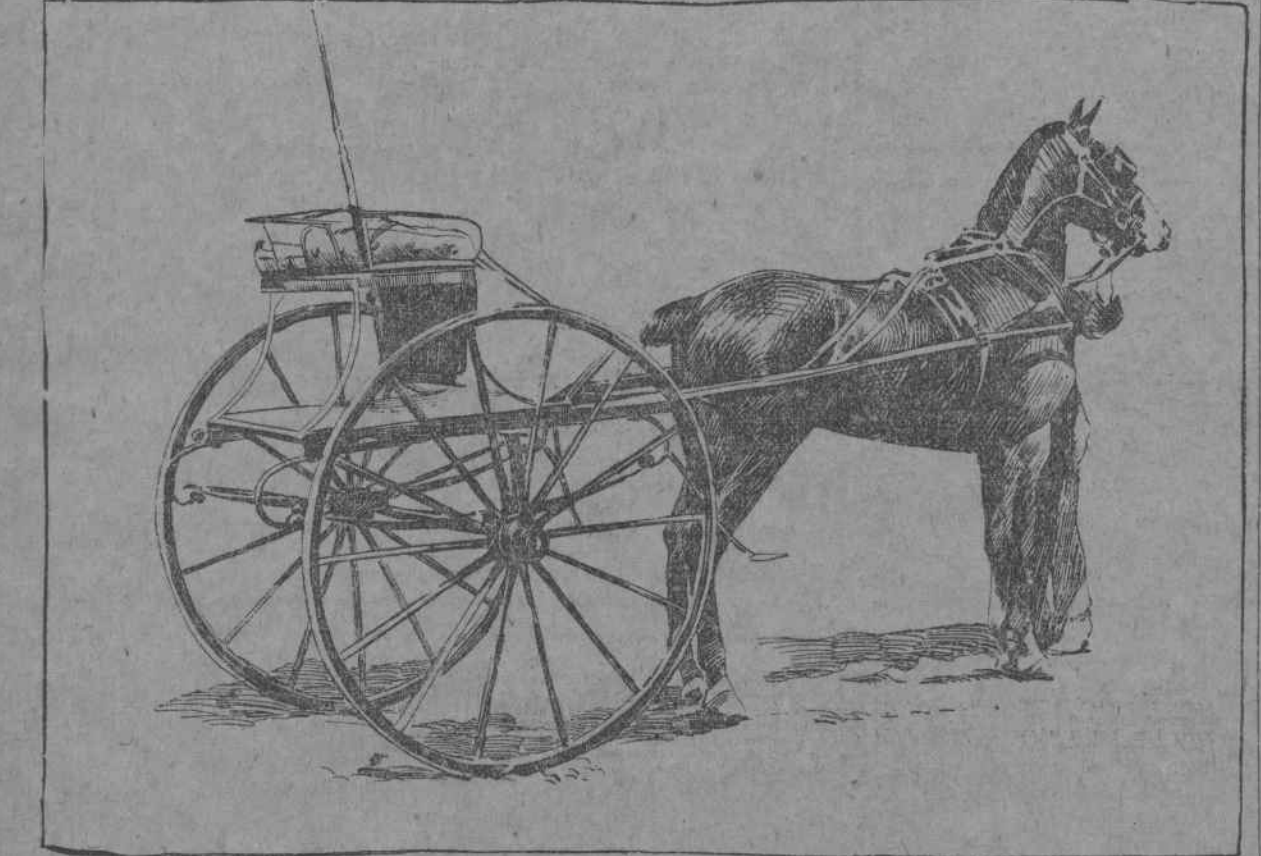
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Scott and Ganymede are wheelers in

Golden Rod and Blazeway, and are 13

hands 2½ inches each in height. Last

Crackman has won championships, and

the only horse of the six which has not

won a prize. Crackman, a beautiful

purchase from "Fitz" Bates last Au-

gust. He has never been exhibited, but

is promising. It seems evident that this

stable is representative of the American

horses from the fact that five out of the

six have won prizes. It is claimed that no

other one exhibitor in America owns more

than two champions.

Since the above six horses have been

shipped to England, they have been

entered in the stables of Mr. James Nugent's

estate, with four American groom and

American servants to care for them. Mr.

Nugent is a brother of the famous sports-

man and steeplechaser, Sir Charles Nugent, Bart., who is a brother-in-law of Mr.

esque cycle path through the "blimlock"

back on the mainland. Other paths

through the tropical forest are con-

templated, though the roads are now fairly

ridable. One occasionally bumps over

the path to enjoy the warmth of the sun, but

the more bothersome rattles are seldom en-

countered. Bicycles are a necessity now

when one goes to Florida, and not to be

able to cycle is to be as marked as were

those who rode in the early days of the

Wheel. Thousands have learned to partici-

pate in the benefits of cycling while visit-

ing the peninsula, and the southern agents

have been instrumental in selling many a

bicycle for those engaged in the trade in

the North.

The racing feature of cycling soon at-

tracts many of the constantly growing

army who become followers of the pas-

time. This has been the case in Florida

as in other States, and the evidence is in

the building last year of an up-to-date

venue track at Jacksonville, and the con-

ing completion of a new third of a mile

track at St. Augustine. Orlando has an

equally good one at Lake Wales. Down at

Palm Beach the unimproved road

is in constant use the past winter, fre-</